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SUBJECT: ENERGY: US-CANADIAN JAN 31 CONSULTATIONS

FEB 1 CANADIAN PRESS STORIES ALL TREAT MACDONALD-SIMON
ENERGY CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON JAN 31 ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES:

1. JOINT AGREEMENT TO SET UP LIAISON GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR
RESOLVING SHORT-TERM PROBLEMS AND REGULAR PERIODIC HIGH-LEVEL
CONSULTATIONS, WITH ANOTHER MEETING TO BE HELD IN OTTAWA IN
ABOUT ONE MONTH.

2. CONTINUED DISAGREEMENT ON CANADIAN EXPORT TAX, DESCRIBED
BY ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD AS "WELL-MODULATED DIFFERENCE
OF OPINION".

3. ON MACKENZIE VALLEY GAS PIPELINE, MACDONALD SAID MEETING
HAD NEITHER IMPROVED NOR DAMAGED ITS PROSPECTS, WITH U.S.
SIDE "ELABORATELY CAREFUL" NOT TO STATE ITS PREFERENCE
BETWEEN MACKENZIE AND EL PASO PROJECTS FOR FEAR OF
PREJUDICING ISSUE WHEN ITS IS CONSIDERED BY USG AND
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REGULATORY AUTHORITIES.

4. MACDONALD SAID THAT U.S. WAS FIRMLY REBUFFED ON RENEWED PROPOSAL FOR SOME FORM OF COMPREHENSIVE CONTINENTAL ENERGY PACT. "WE ATTEMPTED TO COOL THEIR ARDOR ON THAT", HE SAID.

5. MACDONALD WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY COOL ABOUT ANY MAJOR U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN ATHABASCA OIL SANDS DEVELOPMENT AND ABOUT ANY MAJOR EXPORT OF THAT RESOURCE TO U.S.

6. AN AGREEMENT ON CANADA'S PROPOSAL FOR TREATY GUARANTEEING SECURITY OF PIPELINES PASSING THROUGH EACH OTHER'S TERRITORY.

7. FEO ADMINISTRATOR URGED MACDONALD TO SELL OIL AT A "REASONABLE" PRICE BETWEEN \$7 AND \$8 PER BARREL. JOHNSON

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